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REMARKS

By the above amendments, paragraph 17 has been revised to recite a "blank", rather than a "backing plate". A review, of the preceding sentence in paragraph 17 reveals that it already recites the backing plate. Thus, the change was made to correct an inadvertent mistake, which would otherwise render the sentence redundant.

Entry of the foregoing, and prompt favorable action of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his/her earliest convenience.

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